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As part of the budget reduction process, the Department of Animal Care and Control has suggested that the Castaic Shelter may have to be closed. The Department has stated that the animals from the Castaic Shelter would be housed in the Lancaster Shelter. The Lancaster Shelter is approximately 60 miles away from the Santa Clarita Valley. Castaic has one of the highest adoption rates in the County's animal care system. The Castaic Shelter provides an important service to the Santa Clarita Valley. While I understand that budget reductions are necessary, it is important that the Department evaluate options other than closing the shelter. Alternatives could include the increased use of volunteers, reduced hours, and increased fundraising efforts.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board direct the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control to provide a report to this Board during the budget deliberations, regarding other alternatives to completely closing the Castaic Animal Shelter.

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